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April 8, 2005
Mr. Christopher J. Morse
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: TARPAC FEC ID # C00009985
Amended Year End Report (11/23/04-12/31/04)

Dear Mr. Morse:

This is in response to the Commission's April 1, 2005 letter regarding TARPAC's Amended Year End Report filed with the Commission on 2/25/05.

In your letter, you address the receipt of earmarked contributions that have not been forwarded and are now outside the permissible time period.

Please know that we understand and take very seriously the 10 day rule for earmarked contributions. TARPAC remains vigilant in our compliance with the 10 day rule, and in our handling and administration of conduit contributions.

Regrettably, a mistake was made in the software entry of the 3 contributions in question. These 3 contributions equal \$5000.00 in total. The contributions were appropriately entered in our software system as receipts on 12/10/04. Unfortunately, the disbursement date (month) was mistakenly entered as 2 instead of 12. We discovered the error when preparing the 2005 February Monthly Report and immediately corrected the mistake. These contributions were sent on March 14, 2005 and will appear on the upcoming report that we will file with the Commission.

Again, TARPAC takes great efforts to comply and adhere to the 10 day rule. We deeply regret the error in this instance, and hope the Commission will recognize our pattern and history of compliance when reviewing this matter.

Please feel free to call a TARPAC contact should you have any questions or if we may provide further information (202-429-5301).

Sincerely,

John S. Orlando
Treasurer, TARPAC